# The Economist

An analysis

# History and background

The Economist is a subscription magazine service that offers both print and digital copies to its readers. It's published through the economist newspaper ltd, based in London.

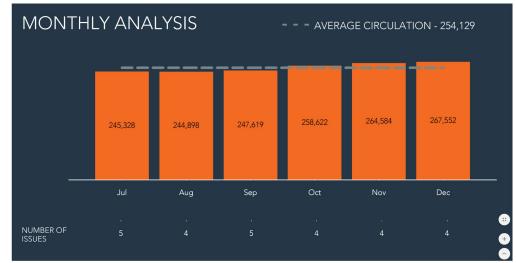
It was founded in 1843 by British Businessman James Wilson as a way of promoting campaigns to end tariffs on tradable goods, but later his son would broaden it into a more focused magazine on politics

In one of its first publications a prospectus was released detailing the main areas that its publishers wanted to focus on, including- the political economy relating to things like wages and rent, parliamentary reports and reports relating to the movements for free trade.

## Circulation figures

During January–June 2018, I sold 948,851 in print format and 461,816 hits in its digital format. And that in a report published in February 2018 that the overall UK circulation was now up 7.8% which they had attributed to an 11% rise in its digital circulation.

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#### **Content**

- Regional and topical sections.
- Roughly 15 ads throughout this edition.
- Text based focus.
  - Images that are present are either, statistical, satirical or serious.
  - Heavy current affairs and political focus.





# **Analysis**

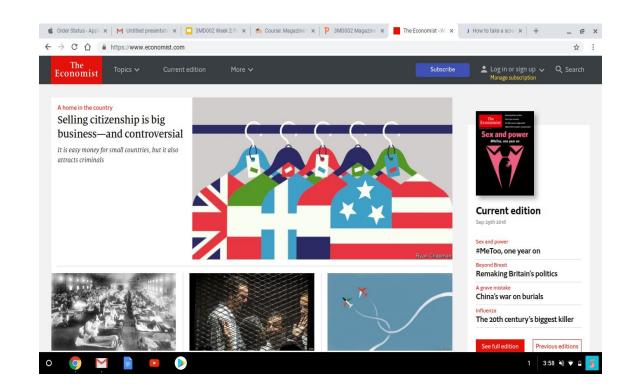
Johnson and Prijatel consider the reasons for success and failure of a publication through the following factors:

- A highly focused editorial philosophy
- A clearly defined formula
- A thorough understanding of and connection with the audience

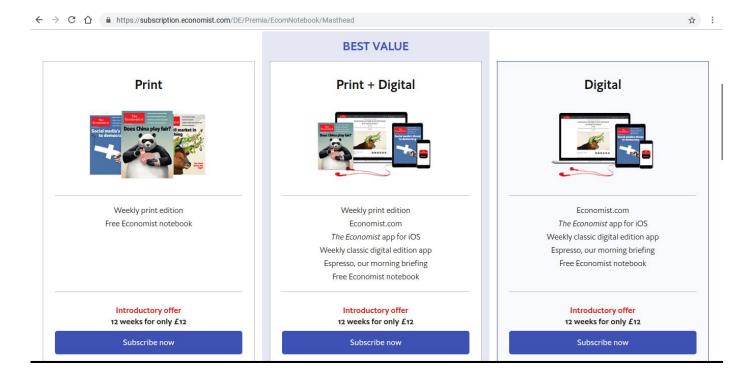
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#### Digital presence

- www.economist.com
- Paid subscription
- Online version of magazine available.
- Free app, paid content
- Content very similar to newspaper.
- Style of website the same as magazine.



## **Digital presence - Subscriptions**



### **Digital Presence**

